

Place Based Investment Fund Top Scoring Projects (In Alphabetical Order)

City of Hobart:

Grant Request: \$50,000

Grant Match: \$62,200

Project Summary: The City of Hobart was given the former high school football arena known as the Brickie Bowl. This open air stadium will be transformed to meet the fitness needs of the senior center within walking distance, to host concerts, charity runs and walks, Special Olympics, police and fire games, and several other events. The initial phase will be to repair the current cement/concrete seating and railing in the area. Once this is completed the stadium will be able to begin holding/hosting events. This project is collaboration between the Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau and the City of Hobart.

City of Jasper

Grant Request: \$35,000

Grant Match: \$35,000

Project Summary: The City of Jasper has a design for a labyrinth park to be constructed as part of their Riverfront Master Plan. The labyrinth is designed to be 30 feet in diameter and includes concrete access points and pavers, landscaping trees, benches, signage and seeding. The project is designed to bring additional traffic to the Riverfront area and serve as a gathering place for the community members and visitors alike. This project is a partnership between Redevelop Old Jasper Action Coalition and the Dubois County Community Foundation. The project is expected to be fully complete by June of 2015.

City of Madison

Grant Request: \$50,000

Grant Match: \$50,500

Project Summary: The City of Madison has proposed to use an alley, currently used as a walkthrough for business owners, patrons, and area visitors, and convert it to a multi-use art, entertainment and public gathering space. This project will transform a dark underutilized area and bring it to a place which can be utilized by the community and visitors. The seating in the area will accommodate not only the new alleyway park but also the downtown and main street commercial district. The park will include an art installation and a mural from local artists. This project is collaboration between the Vectren Foundation, Jefferson County Board of Tourism, Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County, INC., Madison MainStreet program, Visit Madison, INC., Madison Area Chamber of Commerce, the Cornerstone Society and Historic Madison, INC.

Parke County Incorporated

Grant Request: \$50,000

Grant Match: \$50,000

Project Summary: Parke County Incorporated has requested funds to better assist with the ease of locating the Parke County Depot, the tourist information center. This former train and adjacent lot

hosts weekly farmers markets in the summer is available for (and in use) during the covered bridge festival and has public restrooms available. Because the lot is gravel and there is currently drainage issues the lot has been underutilized. The project is to update the area lot to accommodate events and markets, create new signage, add seating to the area, provide trail connectivity and become a trailhead to area parks and lakes. All partners are both financial contributors and have a commitment of either or both labor and continued volunteerism for maintaining the area. The local schools are engaged in helping the design and the upkeep of the area through youth engaged volunteerism. This project is collaboration between the Parke County Incorporated MainStreet Rockville, the Parke County Chamber of Commerce, the Covered Bridge Gateway Trails Association, The Beechwood Park Board, the Parke County Community Foundation, the Rockville Rotary, the Town of Rockville, the Convention and Visitors Commission, and the Parke County Redevelopment Commission.

Town of Hope

Grant Request: \$50,000

Grant Match: \$50,550

Project Summary: The Hope Town Square is a green space located in the downtown area of Hope. This park serves as the activity center of the town and is proposing updates to the park to better utilize the space and accommodate more events. The project will increase the electrical capabilities in the park for festivals and events create a terraced seating venue for events, install lighted concrete pads for public art sculptures, and installing a four faced village clock on the northwest corner of the park. Additional gardening and landscape for the project is being conducted by the new community organization Heritage Seeds of Hope. Project partners include the Town of Hope, Heritage of Hope, INC., the Baute Family, Meek Family, Norman Family, Miller Family, Dean Family, Clouse Family, Paula Pollitt, State Far,- David Dailey, Hope Star Journal, Lentz Farms, Nading Mechanical, and Simmons winery.

Wabash Marketplace

Grant Request: \$50,000

Grant Match: \$62,200

Project Summary: The Wabash Caboose project will include a new outdoor museum exhibit that includes the restoration of an early 20th century railroad caboose as well as provides an outdoor education area surrounding the caboose. One the site will be the restored caboose, a brick patio, a new concrete pad, and fencing and education signage. The public pedestrian alley will also be renovated to make it more functional and inviting and a communal and artistic space will be added. The addition of the updates will allow the educational use of the caboose and the outdoor area as well as allow it to be rented or utilized for parties and social events. This project also works to compliment the City's Streetscape Project, Wabash River Walk, and the City of Wabash's City Bike Trail and completes the Community Preparation phase of the Public Art Master Plan. Partners of this project include the Wabash Marketplace, the Wabash County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Wabash County Historical Museum, INC.,